

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

BRYAN BEHRENS,

Plaintiff,

vs.

GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC,

Defendant.

8:13-CV-72

ORDER

This matter is before the Court on plaintiff Bryan Behrens' notice of appeal (filing [27](#)). As the plaintiff has previously been informed, see case No. 8:13-cv-17 filing [22](#), pursuant to the Prison Litigation Reform Act, a prisoner plaintiff is required to pay the full amount of the court's \$505.00 appellate filing fee by making monthly payments to the Court, even if the prisoner is proceeding in forma pauperis. [28 U.S.C. § 1915\(b\)](#). The Act "makes prisoners responsible for their filing fees the moment the prisoner brings a civil action or files an appeal." *In re Tyler*, [110 F.3d 528, 529 \(8th Cir. 1997\)](#). The appellate filing fee is assessed when the Court receives the prisoner's notice of appeal. *Henderson v. Norris*, [129 F.3d 481, 485 \(8th Cir. 1997\)](#).

Pursuant to [§ 1915\(b\)\(1\)](#), a prisoner must pay an initial partial filing fee in the amount of 20 percent of the greater of the prisoner's average monthly account balance or average monthly deposits for the six months preceding the filing of the appeal. Accordingly, based on the records before the Court,<sup>1</sup> the initial partial filing fee is \$28.80, based on average monthly deposits of \$143.98. In addition to the initial partial filing fee, a prisoner must "make monthly payments of 20 percent of the preceding month's income credited to the prisoner's account." [§ 1915\(b\)\(2\)](#). The statute places the burden on the prisoner's institution to collect the additional monthly payments and forward them to the Court as follows:

After payment of the initial partial filing fee, the prisoner shall be required to make monthly payments of 20 percent of the preceding month's income credited to the prisoner's account. The agency having custody of the prisoner shall forward payments

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<sup>1</sup> The Court has the plaintiff's current trust account information in a different case. See case No. 8:8-cv-13 filing [389](#).

from the prisoner's account to the clerk of the court each time the amount in the account exceeds \$10 until the filing fees are paid.

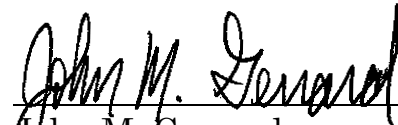
§ 1915(b)(2). Therefore, after payment in full of the initial partial filing fee, the remaining installments shall be collected pursuant to this procedure.

IT IS ORDERED:

1. The plaintiff shall pay an initial partial filing fee of \$28.80 by January 21, 2014, unless an enlargement of time is granted in response to a written motion.
3. The Clerk of the Court is directed to set a case management deadline of January 21, 2014.
4. After payment of the initial partial filing fee, the plaintiff's institution shall collect the additional monthly payments in the manner set forth in [28 U.S.C. § 1915\(b\)\(2\)](#), quoted above, and shall forward those installments to the Court.
5. The Clerk of the Court is directed to send a copy of this order to the appropriate official at the plaintiff's institution and to the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Dated this 20th day of December, 2013.

BY THE COURT:

  
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John M. Gerrard  
United States District Judge